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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4974

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NODIS CHEROKEE

EYES ONLY FOR UNDER SEC HABIB FROM AMBASSADOR

EO 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: OTRA OVIP (HABIB, PHILIP C.)

SUBJ: HABIB VISIT TO SEOUL.

REF: A. STATE 157281, B. SEOUL 5615

1. I REMAIN VERY MUCH CONCERNED ABOUT INORDINATE PRESS SPECULATION ON YOUR VISIT. FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS ALSO RAISED THIS PROBLEM WITH US. WE WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO MINIMIZE PRESS EXPOSURE TO YOU, BUT THERE ARE BOUND TO BE NEWSMEN AT PLANESIDE.

2. FOR THESE REASONS, I SUGGEST ANNOUNCEMENT OF YOUR VISIT HERE ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:  
QUOTE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE PHILIP C. HABIB WILL VISIT SEOUL, KOREA JULY 10-13 IN CONNECTION WITH PREPARATIONS FOR THE FORTHCOMING SECURITY CONSULTATIVE MEETING BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS. THE PUROPOSE OF THE VISIT WILL BE TO DISCUSS WITH AMBASSADOR SNEIDER AND UNITED NATIONS COMMANDER GENERAL VESSEY ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MEETING PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF FINAL PREPARATIONS IN WASHINGTON FOR THESE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE KOREAI GOVERNMENT. GIVEN THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS YEAR'S SECURITY

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CONSULTATIVE MEETING, IT WAS CONSIDERED DESIRABLE THAT UNDER SECRETARY HABIB HOLD FURTHER CONSULTATIONS WITH THE SENIOR U.S. OFFICIALS IN KOREA. UNDER SECRETARY HABIB MAY ALSO PAY COURTESY CALLS ON APPROPRIATE SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT. UNQUOTE.

3. I HAVE DISCUSSED PRIVATELY WITH FOREIGN MINISTER PARK

AS WELL AS A SECOND TIME WITH KIM CHONG-YOM THE PRUPOSE  
OF YOUR VISIT AND EXPLAINED THAT, PRIOR TO FINAL DECISIONS  
BEING MADE IN RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT PARK'S SUGGESTIONS,  
IT WAS THOUGHT NECESSARY FOR YOU TO REVIEW THE PROBLEMS  
PRIVATELY WITH GENERAL VESSEY AND MYSELF. I HAVE INFORMED  
BOTH THAT, AS FAR AS I UNDERSTAND, YOU WILL NOT TRANSMIT ANY  
REPLIES TO PRESIDENT PARK AND THESE WILL ONLY BE FORTH-  
COMING WHEN SECRETARY BROWN IS HERE. NEEDLESS TO SAY,  
BOTH RAISED THIS ISSUE WITH ME.  
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